

## Message Text

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WHITE HOUSE - ADVANCE OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, UY  
SUBJ: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

REF: A. MONTEVIDEO 4148, B. MONTEVIDEO 4161

1. WHEN I SAW FONMIN ROVIRA THIS AFTERNOON HE HANDED ME  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MENDEZ TO PRESIDENT CARTER. INFORMAL  
TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE OF AUGUST 29, 1977.  
I SHALL BE PLEASED TO ATTEND THE SIGNATURE OF THE TREATIES  
ON THE PANAMA CANAL, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WHICH  
I AGREE WITH YOU 'REPRESENT AN HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE  
RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE.' I SHARE  
YOUR HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND  
MUTUAL RESPECT WILL DOMINATE INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS.  
I CONSIDER PROPITIOUS MY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE SAME TIME TO MEET  
WITH YOU SATISFYING YOUR PERSONAL HOPE, WHICH IS ALSO MINE,  
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OF DISCUSSING THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES OF INTEREST FOR OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES. ON THAT OCCASION IT WILL BE TIMELY TO  
EXPRESS THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT  
AND PEOPLE, AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARN YOUR OWN. I BEG  
YOU TO EXTEND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THE  
TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF URUGUAY AND FOR  
YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL BEST

WISHES. SINCERELY, APARICIO MENDEZ UNQUOTE

2. FONMIN INFORMED ME THAT GOU INTENDS PUBLISH BOTH  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE AND PRESIDENT MENDEZ' RESPONSE  
LATER TODAY.

3. PRESIDENT MENDEZ WILL TRAVEL WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT  
HIS WIFE. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE  
REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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